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WHITE winged blossoms swaying
Your snowy forms in air:
Like captive spirits thrilling
To reach the glad free air
With the merry breeze aspiring
To part the chains that bind,
And roam your own sweet pleasure
In freedom, unconfined.

BEAUTIFUL blossoms, rest you,

Say, if I set you free,

Ere you roam afar will you carry

A greeting of love for me?

Fold in your soft white bosom

One little tender thought,

Nor part with it, till in safety

You give it the dear one sought?

WILL you fly with never a wavering
Straight where I bid you go,
Nor pause for the sunbeams wooing,
Nor follow the brooklet's flow?
For joyous shall be your welcome,
Flowers so wondrous fair,
When at the journey's ending
You fold your white wings there.

THEN spread your wings to the morning,

And speed with the breeze away,

Beautiful flower spirits,

Happiness fill the day.

But in your gladsome wandering

Carry my message true,

That the day may be sweet remembered

With the love I send by you.

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